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BIG 7 PERM REPS ON NORTH-SOUTH DECLARATION.

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1. IN FURTHER MEETING OF BIG 7 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WITH SECRETARY GENERAL IN PREPARATION FOR FORTH-COMING MINISTERIAL MEETING CONSENSUS APPEARED TO EXIST FOR LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES OF VAN LENNEP'S DRAFT DECLARATION ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN PRESENTATION. I SPOKE ALONG LINES REF B. JAPANESE REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FAVORED DECLARATION FORMAT. OTHER REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES LEANED MORE TOWARDS COMMUNIQUE FORMAT THAN DECLARATION BUT WERE WILLING TO LEAVE THIS OPEN. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL MAINTAIN TEXT AS DECLARATION FOR TIME BEING TO HELP FOCUS MINISTERIAL ATTENTION. CANADIAN (MACLEAN) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES LIKED THE PAPER BUT SUGGESTED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ORDERING OF PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VAN LENNEP'S TEXT. FRENCH AND BRITISH REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES QUESTIONED ON TACTICAL GROUNDS BUT DID NOT AT THIS STAGE SPECIFICALLY OPPOSE REPEATING OFFER TO CONSULT ON ENERGY MATTERS. FRENCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FELT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS APPROACH SHOULD SOMEHOW BE NUANCED TO INDICATE IT WAS NOT THE ONLY OBJECTIVE OR CONTRARY TO OTHER OBJECTIVES LDCS MIGHT

HAVE E.G. FOR OVERALL GROWTH AND INDUSTRIALIZATION.
CANADIAN REP SPOKE OF NEED TO PRESENT HUMAN NEEDS
APPROACH AS BEING IN FURTHERANCE OF LDC'S OWN OBJECTIVES.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL TOOK THESE VARIOUS COMMENTS ON BOARD. HE SAID HE WOULD ISSUE DECLARATION PERHAPS SOMEWHAT REVISED TO ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION FOR POSSIBLE PLENARY DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION AND AS A RESULT OF EARLIER PLENARY DISCUSSION ON JUNE 13 SECRETARY GENERAL STATED HE MAY DROP THE IDEA OF PRESENTING MINISTERS WITH A DRAFT ENTRY IN THE MINUTES. INSTEAD HE WILL PUT OUT AMENDED ISSUES PAPER WITH SHARPER STATEMENT OF POLICY POINTS OF DISCUSSION AS WELL AS CONCLUSIONS THAT MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE. KATZ

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